



## Shelby County Government Offers Prescription Discount Card

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### *Residents can take advantage of savings on average of 24 percent*

Shelby County Government has launched a new program to help county residents deal with the high cost of prescription medications. Through a partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo), the free Prescription Discount Card program provides area residents with a card that is saving consumers across the country an average of 24 percent off the retail price of prescription medications.

The card has many benefits. It is easy to get one and can be used by those who do not have insurance or by those who have prescriptions not covered by insurance. The card can also be used to save money on some pet medications. It is accepted at 65,000 pharmacies nationwide including all the major chains like Wal-Mart, CVS/Pharmacy, Walgreens, Giant, Safeway, and Rite Aid. The participating pharmacies also include the majority of community-based, independent pharmacies.

**"Recognizing the difficulties many of our residents face when trying to pay for their health care needs, we are happy to be able to provide them with the Prescription Discount Card,"** said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. **"This card offers significant savings on prescription medications,"** added Mayor Luttrell.

The free discount cards may be used by all Shelby County residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. The Shelby County Government Prescription Discount Cards are available at pharmacies throughout Shelby County.

The discount cards can also be printed from the Internet at [www.nacorx.org](http://www.nacorx.org). Residents can also locate the nearest participating pharmacy from the same website or call toll-free at **1.877.321.2652** for assistance with the program.

Shelby County is one of 1350 county governments across the nation using the prescription card. NACo officials say the cards have saved users more than \$550 Million since the program began in 2005.

**"We're pleased to work with counties around the country to bring this important program to their residents,"** said NACo President Linda Langston, County Supervisor, Linn County, IA. **"By working with our member counties, we are better positioned to develop programs that specifically target the needs of our nation's counties. The Prescription Discount Card program is just one example of what we hope to accomplish."** The program is administered by CVS Caremark.

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